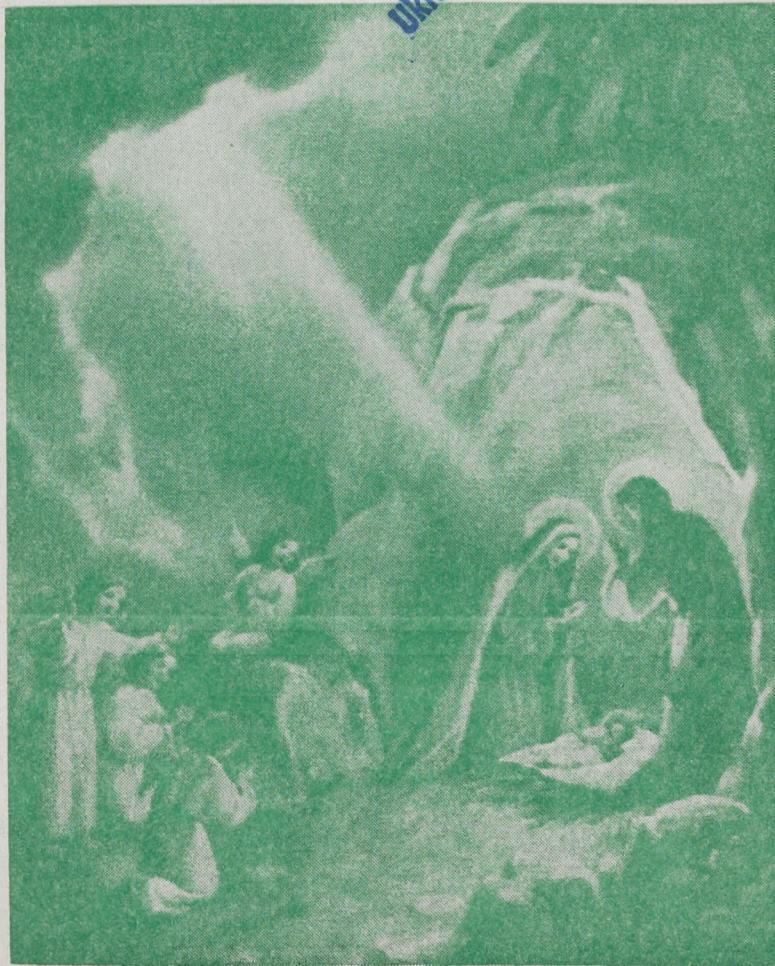


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A New Lease

It gives me great pleasure to be able to greet you once more through the pages of our National Organ, the YOUTH.

After an absence of several months, the "Youth" has received a new lease which puts it on a permanent basis, and you will all be happy to hear that it is going to be published regularly every month, as of now.

Although many of you may be disappointed that there will be only sixteen pages in each issue, you will at least have an objective to work for. If you would like to have more pages in the magazine, you can help by boosting its circulation so there will be a copy of the "Youth" in every Ukrainian Catholic home in Canada. When you finish reading your copy, pass it on to someone else, encourage others to subscribe, and take an active interest in helping to make it the great success which it could easily achieve.

The "Youth" is something we desperately need to keep us informed about our Church, our culture, our ideals, and about the work being done by U.C.Y. locals all across Canada. This is an undertaking which shouldn't be borne upon the shoulders of a few, but should be distributed among many. Let's all make a combined effort to have this magazine the best monthly there is; it can be done if we all work together.

Within the next few months we will be reviving some of the more popular features of past editions, but we would greatly appreciate hearing from you as to what you would like to have. Why not sit down right now, while you are in the mood, and write us a letter stating your ideas?

The staff are willing to do their best for the good of the magazine. Will you do yours?

EDITOR.



Tony Caruk

The Christmas Spirit



Christmas is a time of year which people of all ages, both young and old, look forward to with joy and anticipation. And that is as it should be, for it marks the birthday of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, who came to redeem mankind and make it possible for us to achieve eternal salvation in heaven. As such, it should be a time of prayer and rejoicing, a time during which we give thanks to God for His Infinite Mercy.

However, let us now stop and consider whether this is the general outlook today.

Just think how commercialized Christmas has become. For weeks before Christmas arrives we are subjected to a heavy blast of propaganda via the radio, television, and the press, reminding us about how many shopping days are left before the festive season. We are urged to buy everything from ties to television sets and electrical appliances regardless of whether we can afford the items or of how many months

it will take before we pay them off. Gifts have their place during this time but isn't the emphasis being carried too far? Does the stress on material things have to form such a vicious cycle?

What about the kinds of Christmas cards which are so abundantly found in all department and stationery stores? Think of the far-too-numerous cards depicting landscapes, gift-wrapped boxes, pets, and candy canes. What connection do these scenes have with the purpose of Christmas? Why do people have to be so gullible in buying such irrelevant cards? If there wasn't a demand for them, manufacturers would have to resort to more appropriate pictures of the true spirit of Christmas.

What about the attitude which so many people take towards Christmas? To a large number, it simply means an extra holiday from work—nothing more. For others, it is a time when they eat too much and drink too much for their own good. Is this the Christmas spirit? Where does Christ come in? After all, it is His birthday that we are honoring.

Taking into account this deplorable trend, we might ask ourselves if there is anything which we can do to bring Christ back into Christmas. There certainly is! Let us, the Ukrainian Catholic Youth, take the lead in making people more aware of what Christmas really means. Let us not be misguided by the pecuniary propaganda; it is what we feel that counts, not the amount of money we spend. Let us try to help

those less fortunate than ourselves and make their Christmas a pleasant one. Let us send only Religious Christmas cards to our friends instead of the fantastic versions which glut the market.

Let us regard Christmas as the Holy time it really is, an occasion when we attend Mass frequently and receive communion; when we raise our voices jubilantly in singing the wonderful Christmas Carols;

when we lift up our hearts to God in fervent prayers, thanking Him for His Infinite Mercy and Goodness, and begging him to make the people of the world mend their erring ways and turn their thoughts to Him who is both the Beginning and End of all things.

Only thus can we hope to bring back the true spirit of Christmas and thereby make the world a better place to live in.

Periscoping Youth

Part I

In the last few years I've had many wonderful opportunities to watch our Ukrainian Catholic Youth in action. As you watch them one gets to love them more and more. They're really a wonderful gang, no matter where they be. Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, Edmonton, Hilliard, New York, or just little Shady Rest wherever it may be.

One of the most interesting things about youth are the individuals themselves. True it's fine to see them accomplish things as a youth body, often big things; carnivals, Ritual series, conventions, car bingos, teas, drama festivals, oratorical contests, pilgrimages, and the 101 things that our youth does accomplish. But it's the person, himself who is part of the greater group who to me presents the most intriguing problems.

Many a time after coming home from a youth meeting with its conference and social I've spent up to the wee hours in the morning wondering what makes Jimmy tick?

Why did he do a thing in just that way. There seems to be a drama played in every person's everyday life. Each person seems to be a tiny little world, and every little world is full and tense with emotion, suspense, action, love, charm, intrigue and all the complicated shades, tones and values, which color those marvellous textures of the human personality.

Why does Mary come up to me and say, "Father, I'm a Ukrainian and a Catholic, I've never seen our Mass before—nor have I ever learned Ukrainian, but I'd like to learn." And so, we find Mary joins the Church Choir, Our Lady's Sodality, the Youth Club and in her quiet unobtrusive way soon proves that we've won a jewel which would enhance the beauty of any parish crown. It isn't long before Mary is taking evening lessons in Ukrainian and is sincerely hoping to be proficient enough to teach others. Well we're proud of Mary. But she's only one in a hundred—perhaps a thou-

sand. What happens to the others? Perhaps we'll describe the picture a little later on.

Every good club seems to be favored with two or three active, dependable responsible members. I really believe this is arranged by God's divine providence. No club can manage without them. These are the people who are always ready to do things for their organization.

It is not that they have more time than others; rather one would say they have and are doing more than any one else. Yet one can say, "Jimmy will you do this by tomorrow?" and sure enough whatever had to be done has been done. These are the people who stay after everybody else is gone to wash the cold sticky coffee cups, sweep the floor of litter and doughnut crumbs, and who just barely catch the last bus for their homes—usually on the far side of the city. Somehow they don't have to be told when work is to be done. They're right on the spot to do it; quietly, unobtrusively, without fanfare, and usually without the appreciation that is due them by the rest of the members. Thank God that such people exist; no club could do without them.

Ihor is a talented, brilliant boy. He's a born leader, handsome, gentle with a knack for winning friends and making them do things for the club as a favor to themselves. Yes, there were big hopes in Ihor. Younger than the rest of the members he was already on the executive, and considered seriously as president at the next U.C.Y. election. Then things happened slowly, not big things, but little things, which however carried an ominous sign of warning about them. There

was the time of the Drama Festival, Ihor was to have a half-dozen card tables on stage before curtain time. Curtain time came but no Ihor and no card tables. Again Ihor was asked to run a film for the altar boy meeting. Somehow Ihor couldn't quite make it. Then he began to miss the executive meetings. It wasn't too noticeable at first but gradually a little annoying to the rest of the members. Ihor had a round, mellow, baritone voice, he liked to sing and was quite regular at the weekly practices at first. Occasionally he was a bit late; once or twice at the half time break Ihor managed to break away from two or three chums, not exactly the hoodlum type but suspicious looking characters, who waited for him under the street-corner lamp until practice was over. Ihor was finding a new element for himself. His parents were rather well to do; a loving mother, an indulgent father. In addition to the family car Ihor had a car of his own. A jalopy—yes, but serviceable for Ihor's needs.

(To be continued)

FATHER SKWAROK



MAY THE CHRIST CHILD
BESTOW HIS BLESSING ON
YOU, ALWAYS.

Diocesan President's Message

At the Annual Convention of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth of the Western Diocese held in Edmonton in November, it was my honour to be elected President of the Diocesan Executive for the following term.

To my mind the Diocesan Executive is a most important body, because in its hands rests the fate of our organization in this Diocese. The Diocesan Executive must encourage action, implore response, renew vigour, and recreate hopes that may have been shattered. It must hold high the ideals and aims of the U.C.Y., it must chart the course to be followed by locals in reaching these ideals, and it must wield the widely scattered U.C.Y. groups of our vast Diocese into a closely-knit harmonious entity of young people and striving together for the greater glory of God and Church, the preservation of our national culture and traditions, and the betterment of this great Canada in which we live.

And so our work lies before us. The retiring Executive has given us a shining example of accomplishments and dedication to the aims of the organization. From now on, the fate of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth in the Western Diocese is in our hands.

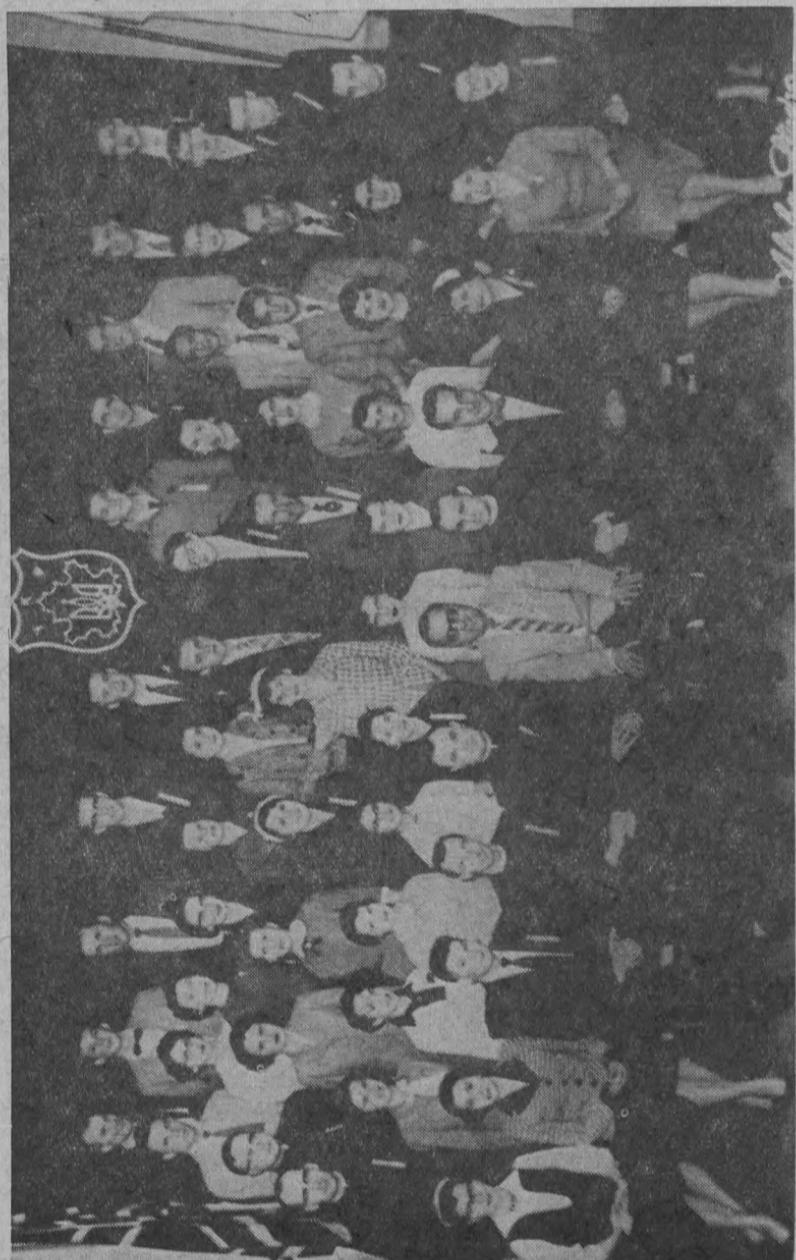
The newly elected Diocesan Executive places its trust and hope in its locals. It is our sincere prayer that, with the cooperation and common effort of the many locals Our Blessed Lord will crown all our endeavours with success and the great work that has been given us will be carried out to the satisfaction of our spiritual leaders and the betterment of our organization.

At this time, I want to express my gratitude for the confidence shown to me by our Ukrainian Catholic Youth locals in electing me Diocesan President. It is an honour; it is also a great responsibility. However, I shall do my best to fulfill the duties assigned to me. I ask of you your prayers for Divine assistance and your help and cooperation in carrying these duties. And I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future.

To each and everyone of you go wishes for a Joyous Christmas Season and may the Christ Child shower you with abundant blessing and crown all your endeavours with success.

JOSEPHINE BAYDUZA, President

Ukrainian Catholic Youth, Western Exarchate



З'ЄД УКРАЇНСЬКОГО КАТОЛИЦЬКОГО ЮНАЦТВА ЗАХІДНОГО ЕКЗАРХАТУ В ЕДМОНТОНІ. Сидять у першому ряді зліва додрава, Емілія Козак, Амвросій Томяк, Михайло Гавриленко, Пр. о. Ул. Шкварок ЧСВВ, Впр. о. Б. Слобода ЧСВВ, духовний асистент УКЧО, Ярослав Прийма, б. голова Епархіальної Управи УКЧО, Впр. о. Протоігумен В. Шевчук ЧСВВ, Мартин Болнар, голова Домінільної Управи УКЧО, Террі Гевко, Кекіля Гаврилечко, Леся Сосняк.

U.C.Y. DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The Ukrainian National Hall was the scene of the annual U.C.Y. Western Diocesan Convention on the fifth and sixth days of November, 1955. Sessions were held on both days and Sunday the big event of elections took place. Elected to the position of President was Josephine Bayduza. First Vice-President, Stan Kucey; Second Vice-President, John Syrynk; Third Vice-President, Sonnie Paley; Recording secretary,

Elizabeth Korenko; Corresponding secretary, Helen Skubleny; Treasurer, Walter Hys; Fifth member, Peter Sevenky; Press Correspondent, Arnold Troock; Auditors, Helen Pesesky, Pearl Hrabec, Eugenia Caruk, Mike Hawryleko; Spiritual Chairman, Sophie Fedunik; Social Chairman, June Koska; Sports Chairman, Stan Chichak, Educational Chairman, Tilly Gulayets; Organizational Chairman, Terry Hewko.

A more complete account of this convention will appear in the January issue of "YOUTH".

ЗНОВУ ДО ПРАЦІ !

Минули вакаційні дні, під час яких Відділі УКЮ з своїми членами відпочивали чи виїздили на вакаційні подорожі. Тепер з осінню починається знову в парохіях праця в рухливих відділах нашої юнацької організації. Подекуди вибирають нову управу, укладають нові ілянні праці, вписуються нові члени та застосовують колеса організаційного руху знову починають котитися. Часом тяжко рушити з місця через брак відповідного пляну акції. Тому хочемо на цьому місці подати деякі вказівки — що можна зробити в кружку молоді під час цього осіннього й зимового сезону.

ЛИСТОПАД - ГРУДЕНЬ

3 релігійної ділянки:

1. В свято св. Архангела Михаїла, Покровителя УКЮ, уладити спільне снідання всіх членів Відділу.

Запросити гостя-промовця на спільне снідання. Можна в саме свято це зробити або в наступну неділю.

З цієї нагоди можна між членами перевести збірку на видавничий фонд журналу ЮНАЦТВО.

2. В листопаді припадає свято нашого рідного святого ЙОСАФАТА. З цього приводу може бути коротенький реферат про Святого Йосафата.
3. Тепер є дуже актуальну справу канонізації Слуги Божого великого Митрополита Кир Андрея Шептицького. На сходинах виголосити доклад про Великого Митрополита й роздати образці з портретом і молитвою за його канонізацію. (Такі образці можна дістати даром від оо. Василіян в Гримзбі, Онт. Box 122).
4. Починати й провадити кожних сходин лекцію про значення нашого українського обряду. (Підручники можна дістати в Греко-Католицькім Екзархаті в Ніцбург, Па. Підручники в англійській мові, з ілюстраціями. Адреса:

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5. В грудні зробити кампанію в Віддлії щоб кожний член-членкиня мали молитовник. Пояснити значення молитовника в руках молоді. Або, якщо всі мають молитовники, тоді звернути кампанію до поширення вервиці. Всі повинні мати її та молитись з неї.

3 національної ділянки:

1. В листопаді виголосити короткий реферат про Листпоадові Роковини.
2. Коротко подавати історію українського народу. Дуже добре переводити дискусію по кожнім рефераті, щоб члени могли ставити питання, просити вяснень і т. п.
3. Приготувати дебату на цікаву тему, н. пр. "Чи Українець, роджений в Канаді, повинен знати історію свого народу?"

3 товарисько-забавової ділянки:

1. По кожних сходинах зарядити забаву в різні гри. Можуть бути столовий теніс (пінг-понг), вист, шахи, чекерс, танець при музичі грамофонових пліт (якщо не є заказаний час на танці), двадцять питань (твенті квесченс — популярна радієва програма), та інші, що молодь знає.
2. Час до часу можна по сходинах приготувати чай або каву з тісточками для перекуски.
3. Урядити чайне прийняття для потреб Віддліу чи парохіяльної церкви, або в часі передріздвянім на закуп дарунків для сиріт, хворих по шпиталях чи домах і т. п.
4. Влаштувати вигравку на юнацький журнал ЮНАЦТВО.

5. Перевести в Віддлі кампанію передплатників для ЮНАЦТВА. Найбільш активному збирщикові назначити нагороду.
6. Урядити санкову забаву, де всі члени на зимнім свіжім воздуху їздять на санях, опісля мають в ліску або в хаті перекуску.
7. Порозумітися з іншими відділами й зробити товариську зустріч членів інших віддлів.
8. Де можливо, заснувати міжчленну лігу бовлінг. При кінці сезону переможцям вручити трофеї.

3 просвітної ділянки:

1. Приготувати концерт зі співами, танками, промовами тощо.
2. Заснувати бібліотеку. Передплатити часописи, цікаві для молоді.
3. В передріздвяні часі навчитись співати коляди й відтак піти з колядою по хатах.
4. Якщо недалеко, зробити прогулку до парламенту, музею, або іншої цікавої установи.
5. Фільмовий вечір. Піти спільно на гарну повчальну фільму і опісля мати перекуску. Можна часом замовити таку фільму і на сходини.
6. Поручити пресовому кореспондентові, щоб написав про діяльність Віддліу до журналу ЮНАЦТВО. Добрий рухливий віддліл може прикладом послужити в цей спосіб другому віддлілові.
7. Якщо є відповідне число членів, можна заснувати групу гокі, де одні грали б з іншими.
8. Можна впровадити дускусійні вечорі, де час до часу цікаву книжку-памфлетку (н. пр. о. Василя Ваврика ЧСВВ про Трагедію модерної молоді) або цікаву тему обговорити.

9. На стіні в кімнаті сходин мати список фільм, які є морально добре чи недобре, щоб знати на які фільми вчащати. (Такий список фільм буде поданий в слідуючім числі ЮНАЦТВА)

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Повинні пропозиції є на те, щоб відділам УКЮ помогти уложить плян праці. Є ще багато інших корисних думок, що їх самі члени можуть піддати. Що тільки можливе, треба використати, щоб зробити юнацьку організацію прикладною, корисною, та щоб молодь до неї горнулась і з неї користала.



While shepherds watched
their flocks at night,

A star appeared, so
wondrous bright,

In adoration they humbly
knelt to pray.

To thank God for this
long-awaited day.

Трагедія модерної молоді

Під таким наголовком Впр. о. Василь Ваврик ЧСВВ, великий любитель молоді, написав для молоді й для її батьків, хоч маленьку, але дуже важливу та на часі памфлетку. В тій книжечці о. Ваврик в першу чергу звертається до батьків й з правдивою сердечністю і любовю а заразом і зі слушним напімненням вичисляє ті легковажання, що їх нераз помахом руки батьки-родичі трактують. А при тому подає відповідні вказівки, щоб можна нашу молодь виховати в добром християнськім дусі та, щоб нашого українського цвіту не звялив мороз страшної злочинності, яка сьогодні шириться темпом пошести.

З цієї памфлетки, так приступно написаної, повинні користати не тільки виховники-родичі, але й сама молодь. Особливо старша молодь, з якої багато є членами нашої юнацької організації УКЮ, і яка знаходиться, як сказав бл. п. Осип Назарук, якраз "на зеленому мості", цебто у віці, де на них різні модерні, нездорові клічі впливають і вони можуть піти за ними, мовляв, такий тепер модерний світ. Тому в таких молодих, небезпечних роках, де формується характер, треба молоді пізнати ті погубні впливи нинішнього світу та відповідно реагувати. В своїй книжечці о. Ваврик яскравими і добірними прикладами показує як трагічно може сьогодніша молодь поступати, коли входить між люді невихована, занедбана й морально зіпсuta.

Ця нова книжечка віддавництва оо. Василіян в Америці дуже добре надається для т. зв. дискусійних вечорів для Відділів УКЮ. Члени Відділів

лу за проводом свого лушпастиря можуть частинно перечитувати її на кожних сходинах і опісля розвинути живу дискусію. Теми, як "Брак дисципліни, карності . . .", "Брак релігії . . .", "Розводи", "Школа без Бога", "Книжки-камікси", "Кіно-телевізія"—це уступи з книжечки, які можуть дуже добре надаватися до дискусії. Памятаймо, що молодь УКЮ—це майбутні батьки, матері й—то в недалеких роках.

Тому широко поручаемо нашій мо-

лоді цю книжечку. Читання та поширення її принесе багато користі й буде пересторогою для тих, які часто легкодушно дивляться на справи, які нераз викривлюють і ломлять молоді душі. Книжечка коштує тільки 25¢ і можна її набути у видавництві оо. Василіян у Торонто, Онт. Замовляти по цій адресі:

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Among My Souvenirs

The other day I delved into that bottom drawer of my shelf which holds all my keepsakes and mementos. One by one, I looked over my souvenirs and one by one, the events they were associated with recurred in my memory.

Here was some Christmas ribbon from our U.C.Y. Christmas Party, when "Little Tommy Tinker" became the top hit parader in our Club. And here are Ming and Ling, my little Chinese waterboys that I received from a very jolly Santa Claus that evening.

Actually, my first souvenir I got was one I couldn't keep, a hoarse throat caused by thoroughly enjoying our weiner roast, the first social function of the past year.

Ah yes, here are my glasses with the broken frame. Some souvenir you must be saying; it is really. The glasses were broken at our sleigh ride one January evening, as a result of unsuccessful attempts to toss me off the sleigh. And here is the mitt I lost (I thought) which I found on my front steps (where it

had been carefully placed by our vice-president).

The Valentine's Party was next and there's the heart and arrow I salvaged from that evening along with memories of a riotous Hat Dance and the Bunny Hop.

"CONCERT—PRESENTED BY THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH" says this programme. How could I forget!!! That was the concert staged by the Dancing and Drama Group of the Club, together with the choir. This was a first for us; hope we try it again.

A place card and a souvenir holy picture, my mementos of our Annual Retreat in March and Communion Breakfast held together with the Cathedral Club. The retreat was a spiritual experience which will be long remembered by me and by the other members. I am certain.

Souvenirs!!! my membership card for the past year; a carnation from the Mothers' Day Tea; a little pink pincushion won at a Bingo; and here is the Liturgical Catechism

of the Byzantine Rite, which formed the basis for a series of instructions on our Rite. These instructions followed our regular meetings and were most informative.

Mementos of a Communion Breakfast and lectures on our Rite; souvenirs of a concert and drama group keepsakes of evenings of good fun and jolly get-togethers; all are symbols of what one receives as a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth.

For during my membership in the U.C.Y. Club, I learnt about my faith. I grew to love and appreciate the beauty and solemn dignity of the age old Rite that is ours, with its awesome chants and historic tradition.

The rich Ukrainian culture of music, literature, folk dancing, and song became impressed on my mind and I am proud of being a Ukrainian, of being able to speak and understand the rich language of our forefathers. More than ever, as a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth, I realize how great a heritage is ours, preserved for us by our fathers and mothers through sixty years of struggle. This heritage we must retain and preserve, and present it to the still growing culture of this great Canada of ours.

Along with a more active spiritual life and a cultural education, the U.C.Y. has given an understanding of people and of human nature. I have learned to work and play with my fellow beings, to laugh with them in joy and gladness, to sympathize with them and help them in sorrow and tribulation. And I have made friendships which will go with

me through life, helping, encouraging, cooperating always.

It is almost unbelievable isn't it, when one stops to think about it, just how much being a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth means to an individual. I have no doubt at all that you will discover that the U.C.Y. means every bit as much to you if some evening you go delving among **your** souvenirs.

St. Basil's U.C.Y. South Edmonton

The U.C.Y. of St. Basil's Parish in South Edmonton got off to an auspicious start and their first meeting of the new year was a huge success. A record turn-out showed up and indications are that the club will have a very successful year.

After choosing a nomination committee and allowing members to have two weeks in which to think the matter over, the following executive was elected:

President—Ernie Rurka

Vice-Pres.—Pearl Hrabec

Secretary—Eugenia Caruk

Treasurer—Marvin Rurka

5th Member—Sophie Melnyk

Spiritual Director—Olga Caruk

Social Convenor—

Lillian Romanuk

Convention Representatives—

Mary Bartkiw and

Marvin Bahry.

The spiritual adviser to the club is Rev. Father Pryma, O.S.B.M.

Meetings are held every second Tuesday in the Parish Hall and a cordial welcome is always extended to anyone who is interested in joining.



St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. Carnival, Edmonton, October 1, 1955.
Seated: Queen Lillian Morris, 1st Princess (left- Terry Hewko,
2nd Princess (right) Nadine Tymchyshyn, 3rd Princess (above)
Anne Tyler.

St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. Carnival

Edmonton



CONTESTANTS IN U.C.Y. CARNIVAL, EDMONTON
ST. JOSAPHAT'S PARISH, OCTOBER 1, 1955

Left to right: Anne Tyler, Lillian Morris, Terry Hewko, Nadine Tymchyshyn, Shirley Paley, Joanne Semkow, Audrey Nimchuk, and Anne Hutnan.

The Ukrainian National Hall was the scene of the U.C.Y. Carnival on Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1. The hall was decked out with balloons and the pennants with the contestants names on the pennants. The stage was decorated with a crown and lettering indicating the sponsors of the carnival. This carnival was held in order to raise money for the remodelling of the church basement. The Youth of St. Josaphat's Parish took on this task as their contribution to the church.

Ten girls were asked to run as contestants. During the several months they were selling tickets, each one worked hard to make a success of this carnival. Such activities as dances, teas, and weiner feasts were held in order to raise

money. Some of the girls just worked hard and sold all the tickets they could. Each one did her share and it was very much appreciated.

The girls had managers who donated their time and effort for the success of the carnival. The managers were: Walter Hys, Paul Wasyleenko, Stan Chichak, Jerry Esaiw, Joe Wasylcicia, Ted Tyrkalo, Joe Chanas, Mike Sikora. The girls give their sincerest thanks for their aid.

Ambrose Holowach, member of Parliament crowned the queen and the first three princesses. The queen was Lillian Morris, who worked hard to attain the position of Queen of the St. Josaphat's U.C.Y.

The first three princesses were: Terry Hewko, 1st princess; Nadine Tymchyshyn, 2nd princess and Anne

Tyler, third princess. Attendants were: Shirley Paley, 1st attendant; Anne Hutnan, second attendant; Audrey Nimchuk, 3rd attendant; Joanne Semkow, 4th attendant; Roxalana Roslak, 5th attendant, and Virginia Starko, 6th attendant. The Queen and the first 3 princesses were presented with U.C.Y. bronze medals. Each girl was presented with a cheque and a souvenir crown.

A tea was held in the new church basement in honour of the contestants and the proceeds of this tea went to the church. The tea was sponsored by the Children of the Blessed Virgin Mary of St. Josaphat's Parish, aided by the Young Married Men's club and the U.C.Y. This tea was put on to show every-

one's appreciation for the work the girls did.

Everyone from the Youth, Sodality and the parish generally wishes to give you the sincerest thanks for donating your time and efforts for such a worthy cause.

It was a work well done and the Youth have a beautifully painted parish hall with a new tiled floor to show for it.

A special thank you for the past U.C.Y. executive headed by Fr. Siwarok, Dr. V. Bayrock, Anne Drefko, Anne Nahaiowsky, Helen Skubleny, Joyce Skubleny Walter Hys, who helped to make the carnival the great success that it was.

AUDREY NIMCHUK,
editor of the Sodality paper,
The Reminder.



Three Wise Men travelled
from afar,

When they beheld that
wondrous star.

The Heavenly Light guided
them to the place,

Where they might receive
eternal grace.

COMING SOON

All of our readers who enjoyed the novella, "A Heart Divided" will be happy to learn that a new story will begin in this magazine in the near future.

Be sure your subscription is renewed so you won't miss a single episode of this exciting feature.

The Witches' Brew

By Anne E. Tyler

Hallowe'en, the evening of October 31st; is a time for gayety and pranks for young people, a night to play at being witches, ghosts and fairies. Strange things may happen to one on Hallowe'en, so superstitious folk used to believe, for they thought that witches then rode abroad on broomsticks, elves played pranks on sober folk, and the future might be foretold by jumping over a lighted candle, or by any one of a hundred other magic rites. Many of these strange superstitions have come down to us from our pagan ancestors of 2,000 years ago or more and it is amazing how enthusiasti-ally this tradition has been upheld. Every organization, every club and group, right to the actual individual, has in one way or another participated in some form of entertainment on the 'eve of October 31st.

So it is that St. Josaphat's U.C.Y., being the genial club that it is, went into the huddle to brew up a stew for this occasion. It is regrettable at this time, that we cannot point out the master witch, although the executive is most definitely the caldron from which originated quite a crew of witches. Riding their broomsticks, trying to sweep up last minute details was not an easy matter and pedestrians slip. Most probably many a witch lost control of her broom. I know I did; sat right down on the sidewalk when I least expected to.

In spite of all this the show went on. All roads led to the Witches' Parlor, otherwise known as

the National Hall. The early arrivals seemed to have been hypnotized by the miserable weather but it was not long before the witches' brew took effect and the results were absolutely spectacular. The atmosphere soon reflected the spirit of the occasion, making the silhouettes that decorated the walls, almost appear life-like. Six mischievous looking elves under the title of Rhythm Stars, were on deck to charm the audience with their spell-binding music. Soon the fun was fast and furious. Many a queer sight could be seen among those tripping the light fantastic. The country "yokel" pirouetting with a mantilla draped Spanish lady, an overgrown bouncing baby boy in the arms of a corpulent dowager, Robin Hood with his Cupid's bow making bull's eyes on the heart of the frisky majorette. Among many others, the clown dancing with his pet dog, provided the onlookers with loads of amusement.

Awarding the prizes for the best-dressed, most original and most comical couples presented the judges with a difficult task, due to the fact that amongst the competitors the witch appeared most outstanding. It was, therefore, unanimously agreed, that the witch be presented with a special Prize. The judges were Dr. V. Bayrock, Miss Sonny Pailey, Mr. Lubomyr Romankiw, and yours truly. The outcome of the judging was that the Clown Al Koper and Robin Hood, Jo Okurily, be the best dressed couple of the evening.

The Baby Boy, Peter Kaminski, and the Operating Room Nurse, Mary Pidborozny were favourably accepted as the most originally dressed. The most comical couples were (by a landslide) the Farmer, Miss Olga Harmatiuk, and his Wife, Miss Stefanie Bayduza. The chosen winners were greeted on stage where they were asked to remove their masks and introduce themselves to the guests. They then received the stamp of approval by the resounding applause of the gathered throng, and were presented with their respective prizes.

At this time, we may mention

that the Master of Ceremonies who so diligently kept the brew at boiling point throughout the evening, was none other than Mr. Walter Ilkiw. A fine job, Wally.

The party climaxed with a sip of the potent liquid, commonly known as coffee, which was accompanied by the usual cake-with-the-hole.

There was no need asking "Is everybody happy?", for all in all, taking into consideration the above, and of course the "after-the-show-celebrations", Hallowe'en of October 31st, 1955, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



"I believe my husband is the most generous man on earth."

"How's that?"

Well, I gave him a dozen of the loveliest ties for Christmas and he took them right down and gave them to the Salvation Army."

When the Wise Men beheld the Majestic Countenance,
They knelt fervently in prayer as in a trance,
They offered gifts to Christ as a token,
That their pledge to Him would never be broken,
They returned home with hearts uplifted,
That they had been so divinely gifted,
In having been allowed the grace,
To see their Saviour face to face.

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FIRST?

Sympathy Not Enough

On a mountain trail in the Andes a traveler met a farmer riding on a mule, while his wife walked along behind him.

"Why isn't your wife riding?" the traveler asked the farmer.

"Because," the farmer replied, "she has no mule."

It is even possible, when you come to think of it, that the farmer felt sorry for his wife. He may have thought to himself, "Too bad my wife has to walk. Now if she only had a mule!..."

How often we do this. How often we fail to help those in need, out of abundance of the things we possess, yet feel sorry for them. We express sympathy and do nothing. And all the while there lie right at hand the means whereby we could relieve their burden.

"Then He shall answer them, saying: Amen I say to you, as long as you did it not to one of these least, neither did you do it to me. And these shall go into everlasting punishment: but the just, into life everlasting." (Matthew 25,45.)

— J. Keller.



Dear Jesus, as the Holy Season of Christmas approaches, help us to be ever mindful of the true meaning of this great and wonderful occasion. Help us, the Ukrainian Catholic Youth, to make other people aware of their duties and responsibilities at this time; to make them realize that you came to redeem mankind, as a Messiah, calling upon all people to reject the sins of this world and strive for eternal salvation in heaven.

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